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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 14, 2006, the period for response having been extended to June 14, 2006 by a request for extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and claims in view of the following amendments and remarks, which are filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Amendment to the Specification appears at page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the Sequence Listing appears at page 4.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 5.

Remarks accompanying this Amendment begin at page 13.



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## Attachments to this reply include:

- 1. Miller et al., J. Mol. Biol. 131:191-222 (1979)
- 2. Smith et al., Cell 76:959-962 (1994)
- 3. Schneider et al., J. Exp. Med. 189:1747-1756 (1999)
- 4. Moreland et al., Ann. Intern. Med. 130:478-486 (1999)
- 5. Substitute Sequence Listing (paper and disk)
- 6. Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f)
- 7. Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)
- 8. Form PTO/SB/08
- 9. Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R § 1.114
- 10. Petition for Extension of Time